

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A gas generator, comprising

a housing (12), which has outflow openings (22, 28) for outflowing gas,

and

at least one destructible insulation foil (24) which in a non-activated state of said gas generator (10) closes at least one of said outflow openings (22) so as to be moisture-tight,

said insulation foil (24) having a varying thickness,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein said varying thickness is provided by said foil (24) comprising a base layer (32) and at least one thermally insulating foil layer ~~(23)~~ (34) with a varying thickness, which has a distinctly lower thermal conductivity than said base layer (32) and lies over said base layer (32) on a side of said insulation foil (24) which faces a gas flow.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The gas generator according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said thermally insulating foil layer (34) is a plastic layer.

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The gas generator according to claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said base layer (32) is made of metal.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The gas generator according to claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said base layer (32) has a uniform thickness.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The gas generator according to claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said thermally insulating foil layer (34) is comprises a
spray coating applied onto said base layer (32) ~~by spraying~~.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The gas generator according to claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said insulation foil (24) covers several outflow openings
(22) and has regions with a varying thickness for various outflow openings (22).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The gas generator according to claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the thickness of said thermally insulating foil layer (34)
is, in parts, zero.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A gas generator, comprising
a housing (12), which has outflow openings (22, 28) for outflowing gas,
and
at least one destructible insulation foil (24) which in a non-activated
state of said gas generator (10) closes at least one of said outflow openings (22) so
as to be moisture-tight,

said insulation foil (24) having a varying thickness,

wherein said varying thickness is provided by said foil (24) comprising a base layer (32) and at least one thermally insulating foil layer (23) (34) with a varying thickness, which lies over said base layer (32),

~~The gas generator according to claim 8, characterized in that~~ wherein said insulation foil (24) only partially has said thermally insulating foil layer (34), in order to cover at least one selected outflow opening (22) with said additionally thermally insulating foil layer (34), and to cover at least one selected outflow opening (22) with said base layer (32) and without said foil layer (34).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The gas generator according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said base layer (32) has front and rear sides which are covered by said foil layer ~~(24)~~ (34).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The gas generator according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said at least one insulation foil (24) is constructed such that, at an ambient temperature of greater than 75°C all of said outflow openings (22) are opened by a generated gas.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The gas generator according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said at least one insulation foil (24) is constructed such that, at an ambient temperature of less than -25°C not all of said outflow openings (22) are opened by a generated gas.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The gas generator according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said at least one insulation foil (24) is constructed such that, at an ambient temperature of less than -25°C , one of said outflow openings (22) which is closed by a thicker insulation foil (24), compared to one of said outflow opening (22) which is closed by a thinner insulation foil (24), is opened with a time delay that is greater by at least a factor four than a time delay which exists at an ambient temperature of greater than 75°C .

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY:

Attached to the present amendment is a certified copy of an English translation of German Utility Model Serial No. 202 19 898.7 filed December 23, 2002 with the German Patent and Trademark Office. Applicant respectfully requests priority of the attached German Utility Model in the present U.S. application.

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